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NORMANTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

SANITARY INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR

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COUNCIL OFFICES.

NORMANTON.

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CLERK.



The work which follows relates to the work carried out in the Sanitary Department and has been compiled by Mr.E.Riddiough, Sanitary Inspector who commenced duties as an Additional Sanitary Inspector on the 15th February, 1946. The year marked the retirement of Mr.W.Baxter, who retired on the 31st May, 1946. Mr.Riddiough was appointed Senior Sanitary Inspector on the 31st July.

The Total Sanitary Provisions for the area.

The total number of houses in use at the end of the year was 5,257. The various types of sanitary conveniences in use were as follows;-

Water Closets.	5464
Waste Water Closets.	29
Water Closets flushed by Automatic Tanks.	10
Pail Closets.	22
Privies.	17
Cesspools.	11
Number of houses not connected to sewers.	33

Refuse Receptacles in use at the end of the year.

Wet Ashpits in connection with privies.	11
Dry Ashpits.	25
Ashbins.	4952

During the year 9 Ashpits were converted, 30 bins being supplied in lieu of same.

House and Trade Collection and Disposal.

The whole of the household refuse from Normanton ward was disposed of in the Brickyard and Boundary Tips in Wakefield Road. The refuse from the Altofts and Common Wards being conveyed to the Foxholes Lane Tip and Wheatsheaf Tip. Tipping was commenced at the latter in March. This Tip is not in the District Boundary but arrangements were made with Castleford Urban District Council regarding same. The total number of loads collected and disposed of during the year was 4,106 of which 2,041½ Motor Loads, 871½ Electricar Loads and 1,193 Horse Loads. The estimated refuse removed was approximately 8,000 tons. The cost of collection and disposal for the year ending 31st March, 1947 was £6,138.

The Karrier No.2., has been off the road for the major part of the year and several times the Electric Lorry has also been in for repair. To overcome these difficulties, Team Hire has had to be substituted. A new wagon is urgently required and it is hoped a further wagon will be ordered. With the addition of more and more new Council properties, it is estimated that additional cleansing staff and lorries will be required. The new estates take longer to collect as the distance to carry the bins in and out is greater than with the old type property.

Amount of Salvage collected during the year.

	Tons.	Cwts.
Paper.	64	1½
Textiles.	1	8½
Non-ferrous metals.		1½
Bones.	1	5

The sale of the above realised £429.2.0d.

It is hoped the amount of salvage will be increased in the future, particularly in regard to paper as this is still urgently required by the Country. It is felt, however, that with the present staff and vehicles, it is futile to make any campaign to increase this salvage as it is much as the Department can do at present to collect the amount available. Under the present arrangements, the Altofts wagon usually spends Friday, all day, and Saturday morning collecting shops salvage.

Housing.

During the year, the number of habited houses in the district increased as follows;-

Houses built by Private Enterprise	10
Council Houses, Pre-fabricated type	97





The latter were let as follows. 22 to tenants whose houses were damaged by mining subsidence. The remainder were let on the points system, 36 being let to servicemen and 31 to civilians, the remaining eight being occupied by tenants of larger Council houses who agreed to exchange tenancies. On other subsidence cases were rehoused in other Council properties, making in all a total of 33 families rehoused, due to this cause. It will be noted that the approximate percentage in each case is the same. The slight addition in the number of houses let to servicemen was accounted for by the fact that three temporary bungalows were not ready for habitation until the beginning of the new year.

No detailed housing inspections were carried out during the year. Urgent repairs only were treated and these were mainly dealt with under Public Health Act, 1936. Great difficulty is still being met in having even the most urgent repairs carried out, due to shortage of material and labour. Particularly bad shortages are felt with nearly all classes of cast iron goods, particularly rain water pipes, eaves gutters, set pots and repairs to living room ranges. The position with regard to this type of material does not seem to be getting any easier but if anything, becoming more acute. Similar shortages are experienced with all classes of timber.

Overcrowding is still prevalent in the district but some impression has been made by the letting of the new houses. It is unfortunate that no accurate figures can be given in regard to this for the district, as conditions change from day to day due to discharges from the Forces, etc.

During the year, 95 visits were made under the Housing Act.

#### Food and Drugs Administration.

The whole of the slaughtering for the district is carried out under the same conditions as those made during the war. This was done at Scheers Slaughterhouse under Ministry of Food Management. It appears that these arrangements will carry on for some time. It is doubtful if the old Private Slaughterhouses will be allowed to open again. In the interest of Public Health, from a point of view of supervision, it is hoped they will never open. The time may arrive, however, when the Local Authority will be called on to provide a Public Abattoir, if the slaughter of animals is carried on within the district. As far as it was possible, every animal slaughtered under the above arrangements was inspected prior to being sent to the shops. The same cannot be said for "Cottager's Pigs" which are killed in various parts of the district and at all times.

108 visits were made to the Slaughterhouse to carry out the above duties. 37 visits were made to Food preparing premises. These mainly consist of butchers shops where sausage and made-up foods are prepared. Some of these have been brought up to standard but others are not very satisfactory. When building materials are in better supply, steps will be taken to improve the other premises.

The same remarks apply to the 25 milk retailers premises. Milk distribution is still carried out under war-time conditions and there is room for improvement. This particularly applies to the cleansing and sterilising of delivery cans and churns. Some trouble was experienced during the warm weather regarding the keeping quality of the milk. The main fault appeared to be excessive handling of the milk causing sometimes a period of time between production and distribution of several days.

Five formal samples of milk were taken, all but one were satisfactory. Three retailers are licensed under the Milk (Special Designations) Order, 1936 to use the designation "Pasteurised" in relation to the milk retailed by them. Within the district there are three registered ice-cream premises. This is an increase of two for the year. Five bacteriological samples of ice-cream were taken, none of these were satisfactory. These samples are taken mainly to ascertain the cleanliness of the product. Representations were made to the producer and some improvement was noted.

The following is a summary of meat inspection :-



	<u>Bulls.</u>	<u>Bullocks.</u>	<u>Heifers.</u>	<u>Cows.</u>	<u>Calves.</u>	<u>Sheep.</u>	<u>Pigs.</u>
Number killed & inspected.	5	505	51	70	12	3210	56
Number Total Condemnations for T.B.	-	1	1	6	-	-	-
Number Total Condemnations other causes.	-	-	1	1	1	-	1

Diseased Organs and Part Carcasses condemned for  
Tuberculosis.

Bovine Heads and Tongues	35
Bovine Lungs, sets of	50
Bovine Hearts	2
Bovine Livers	16
Bovine Abdomen	3
Bovine Skirt	1
Bovine Spleen	1
Bovine Mesentery	1
Bovine Udders	4
Bovine Forequarters	1
Pigs Heads and Tongues	3
Pigs Pluck	1

Diseased Organs and Part Carcasses - Other Causes.

Bovine Heads and Tongues	4
Bovine Lungs, sets of	12
Bovine Livers	85
Bovine Hindquarters	1
Bovine Kidneys	2
Calf Pluck	1
Sheep Plucks	148
Pig Set of Internal Organs	3
Pig Heads and Tongues	1
Pig Plucks	2

The total weight of Meat condemned :-

5102	Meat
3326	Offal
8428	

Private pigs killed	-	177
Private calf killed	-	1
		178

List of other foods condemned during January to December, 1946.

Lambs Tongues.	1 lb.
Sultanas.	25 lbs.
Shredded Beef Suet.	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Chocolate Toffees.	21 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Bacon.	60 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Cod Fillet.	10 stns. 2 lbs.
Sugar.	208 lbs.
Rancid Butter.	21 "
Chocolate Dragees.	84 "
Heated Pork (Loin).	17 "
Cheese.	12 $\frac{1}{4}$ "
Salmon.	17 tins.
Sardines.	3 "
M.&V.Ration.	2 "
Unsweetened Milk.	76 "





### List of other foods condemned (cont'd).

Sweetened Milk.	2 tins
Beans in Tomato.	16 "
Peas.	7 "
Pilchards.	3 "
Stewed Steak.	24 "
Fruit Cocktail.	1 tin
Soup.	4 tins
Beetroot.	1 tin
Apricots.	2 tins
Lemon Cheese.	1 jar
Apricot Jam.	1 "
Apricot Jam.	2 tins
White Loaves (Large).	23
Small Malt Loaves.	8
Delikreme Subs. Cream.	1 gallon
Sour Milk.	20 gallons

### Milk Production.

There are 17 farms in the area, all the farmers being registered as cowkeepers. Two of the farmers do not produce milk except for their own use, seven are wholesale producers and eight retail the milk they produce. Two of the farms are licensed by the County Council to produce "Accredited Milk".

During the year, 9 bacteriological samples of milk produced were taken. Of these, 4 were unsatisfactory in so far as they did not comply with the test applied.

24 visits were made to Farm premises and 23 to Milk premises.

### Infectious Diseases.

The following is a summary of Infectious diseases and premises disinfected.

Scarlet fever	47
Diphtheria	21
Tuberculosis	24

Altofts Church School was disinfected for Scarlet Fever, after an outbreak in that area. 39 Library books were brought away from houses, disinfected and returned to the Library for re-issue.

### Scabies.

Treatment is carried out at the Baths on Mondays and Thursdays; during the mornings for females and afternoons for males. In all, 213 cases were treated.

### Rats and Mice Destruction.


One of the staff of the Cleansing Department attended a Ministry of Food Course and has proved an efficient operator. 15 treatments were made under approved Ministry methods - a total of 224 rat bodies were picked up with an estimated kill of 800. A treatment of the whole of the sewer manholes was made, over 600 being treated. These showed a very slight degree of infestation, only 4 manholes showing takes. This treatment gave practically the same result as the one carried out under Mr. Baxter's supervision in 1944. The places where takes occurred and ten per cent., of all manholes will be treated again, twice annually. 97 visits were made in connection with this work.

### Offensive Trade Premises.

There is only one offensive trade in the district, that of tripe boiler at the Government Abattoir. The premises are reasonably good and retained in clean condition.

### Factories and Workplaces.

The register kept in connection with the above, records 63 premises to



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which the Act applies. This shows an increase of 3 on the previous year. All factories where mechanical power is used are administered by H.M. Inspector of Factories, Section 1 to 7 in part I relating to Cleanliness, Overcrowding, Temperature, Ventilation, Lighting, Drainage of Floors and Sanitary Conveniences, section 34 in part II Means of Escape in case of Fire, and section 110 in part VIII relating to Outworkers are administered by the District Council. Visits were paid to all the above factories during the year and these call for no comment. 44 visits were made in connection with the above Act.

#### Shops Act, 1912 - 1934.

11 visits were made under the above Act. Two warning letters were sent in regard to shops not closing at the stated time, these had the desired effect.

#### Petroleum (Consolidation) Acts, 1928.

Ten premises are licensed to store Petroleum. In each case underground tanks are used.

#### Nuisance Inspections, 1946.

Nuisances found in 1946 - 266; Nuisances in hand of previous year - 22; Total needing Abatement - 283; Abated during 1946 - 254; Outstanding (end of year) - 34; Notices served Informal - 216; Complied with - 188; Notices served Statutory - 50; Complied with - 44.

#### Summary of Complaints dealt with.

Choked drains.	54
Choked W.C. Drains.	46
Re-washer Ball Tap.	2
Choked Manholes.	9
Choked Sink Waste Pipes.	2
Foul smells (in houses).	4
Foul smell - keeping of poultry.	1
Cockroach Infestation.	3
Bug Infestation.	1
Rat Infestation.	2
Choked gullies.	30
Choked eaves gutters.	1
Door off hinges.	1
Housing Defects.	1
Burst Water Pipes.	6
Water in cellars.	8
Choked drain in cellar.	1
W.C. overflow.	2
Dirty condition of Public urinal.	1

#### General Repairs dealt with.

Nuisance due to effluvia from French Polishers - rectified.	1
Properties Inspected.	614
Re-hang doors.	10
Repair burst Water service pipes.	8
Provide and fix new sink.	4
Provide dustbins.	168
Repair or renew cistern.	9
Choked W.C. drains.	5
Choked drains.	4
Provide coal grate.	2
W.C. pedestal.	16
Defective wall and ceiling plaster.	85
Repair and make weatherproof the roof.	73
Repair brickwork of fireback.	25
Provide new set pan.	7
Provide grate to set pan.	1
Provide new tap.	1
Defective chimney pot.	6
Defective sash and cords to windows.	51
Ease door.	2





General Repairs dealt with (cont'd)

Repair or renew oven.	22
Repair front rib and bars.	13
Defective eaves gutters.	48
Repair lock to doors.	13
Defective sink waste pipe.	26
Improvements to water supply.	13
Defective floor boards.	2
Point round sink.	8
Repair woodwork of doors.	29
Provide new doors.	16
Repair rain water pipes.	27
Obstruction in flue.	4
Flooded cellar.	1
Insanitary school conveniences.	1
Loose drain inspection cover.	4
Provide new grate to fireplace.	5
Defective stop tap.	1
Provide ash, or cement point uneven floor.	4
W.C. Seats.	15
Repair brickwork of manhole.	4
Rebuild garden wall.	2
Make good joints in gable & rear wall.	4
Defective wooden sill.	1
Renew window panes.	9
Repair defective staircase.	1
Defective stone step.	2
New trap and waste pipe.	2
Re-washer tap.	nl
Defective water pipe to F.C.	14
W.C.'s without water.	2
Defective flush tank.	6
New fire range.	2
Point chimney stacks.	5
Make secure loose jambs.	6
Repair ball tap.	4
New W.C. basin.	1
Repair flush pipe.	6
Repair boiler.	1
Remove obstructive building.	1
Repair brickwork to coalhouse.	1
Defective skirting board.	1
Accumulation of manure at piggeries.	2
Empty house unsafe to public (made secure).	1
Raise back step to prevent flooding.	1
Provide new grate to gully.	1
Point gable wall.	1

Visits, Notices served, etc.

Letters sent	96
Notices sent.	130
Statutory Notices sent.	49
Public Health Acts Visits.	2142

Public Health Department, Staff.

The Department, at present, is understaffed. This causes outstanding works to go on much longer than necessary, as the required follow-up visits are not always carried out due to pressure of further new work. An additional fully qualified Sanitary Inspector is required. It is felt that to obtain a suitable man, Grade III will have to be offered. Thanks are hereby expressed for the efficient service given by Miss Thackrah, the Department Clerk, throughout the year.

I have nothing further to report.

I remain

Your Obedient Servant,

*E. R. Thackrah*

